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**From: Secretary of the Navy
To: All Ships and Stations**

Subj: BASIC LIFE SUPPORT (BLS) TRAINING

**Encl: (1) DOD Instruction 8020.2 of
13 Apr 87**

- 1. Purpose.** To implement enclosure (1) within the Department of the Navy (DON).
- 2. Policy.** In addition to the policy set forth in enclosure (1), the provisions of this instruction apply to all Department of the Navy (DON) military (active Duty and Reserve Components) and civilian (Civil Service, foreign national hire, and contract) health care providers.

3. Responsibilities

- a.** All Navy and Marine Corps activities will ensure compliance with enclosure (1) and DON policy on BLS training for all health care providers.

b. The Commander, Naval Medical Command will provide technical guidance to the Commandant of the Marine Corps, commander, commanding officer, and officers in charge of shore and operating forces activities on Basic Life Support Training.

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ASD(HA)

SUBJECT: Basic Life Support (BLS) Training

- References:
- (a) Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, current issue
 - (b) Ambulatory Health Care Standards Manual, Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals, current issue
 - (c) American Heart BLS, current curriculum
 - (d) American Red Cross BLS, current curriculum

A. PURPOSE

This Instruction establishes policy, prescribes procedures, and assigns responsibility for training requirements for BLS for health care personnel within DoD medical and dental treatment facilities (MTFs and DTFs).

B. APPLICABILITY AND SCOPE

This Instruction:

1. Applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and the Military Departments.
2. Covers DoD military (Active Duty, Ready Reserve of the National Guard, and Reserve components) and civilian (Civil Service, foreign national hire, and contract) health care providers.
3. Covers DoD medical and dental personnel assigned to MTFs and DTFs.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. Basic Life Support Training. Training based on the specifications of the American Heart Association or American Red Cross.
2. DoD Health Care Personnel. Military or civilian health care personnel who provide direct patient care, either diagnostic or therapeutic, in military MTFs and DTFs.

D. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

1. All DoD health care personnel assigned to or subject to being assigned to duties providing direct patient care, either diagnostic or therapeutic, shall be trained and certified in BLS.

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2. These individuals shall be required to maintain current certification in BLS.

E. RESPONSIBILITIES

1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (ASD(HA)) shall monitor the implementation of this Instruction.

2. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, or their designee, shall ensure compliance with this Instruction and recommend changes or improvements in the program to the Secretary of Defense through the ASD(HA).

3. The Surgeons General of the Military Departments shall ensure compliance with this Instruction within their respective Military Department's MTFs and DTFs.

F. PROCEDURES

1. Each MTF and DTF shall:

a. Have one designated individual responsible for maintaining and coordinating the BLS training program. This individual shall maintain a list of individuals who are currently certified in BLS.


b. Provide sufficient opportunities for DoD health care personnel to be certified annually in order to maintain current certification.

2. Instructors shall maintain the instructor's rating in BLS from the American Heart Association or American Red Cross.

G. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

1. This Instruction is effective immediately, except for civilian DoD health care personnel who are to have current certification in BLS as soon as possible, but in no case more than one year from the date this Instruction is issued.

2. Forward one copy of implementing documents to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) within 120 days.


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